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## **Sen. Allen announces SBT hearings in northern Michigan**

**LANSING** – State Sen. Jason Allen, R- Traverse City, announces the scheduling of a Single Business Tax hearing by the House Tax Policy Committee in Gaylord this week.

“This is a wonderful chance for members of the community to share their views on the governor’s proposal to restructure the Single Business Tax with members of the House of Representatives,” Allen said. “I am pleased that the committee recognizes the importance of gathering input from the northern Michigan business community.”

The hearing is scheduled for 3:30 p.m. on Thursday, May 12 at the University Center, Room U-111, 80 Livingston Blvd.

The purpose of the hearing is to allow the legislators to hear from local businesses that pay the SBT and to hear their opinions on the proposed SBT and tax restructuring proposal. Even if a smaller business doesn't pay SBT, the committee would like to hear from them about other taxes, such as their Personal Property Tax.

There will be opportunity for formal testimony by the company representative or written comments may be submitted. For anyone wishing to submit formal testimony, it is requested that they bring 15-20 copies of their comments, so they can be shared with committee members not in attendance.

“I heavily encourage business owners and community members to attend the forums to share their views on this proposal or to simply learn more about the issues regarding the SBT,” Allen said.

On Friday, May 13th, the members of the House Tax Policy Committee will hold another hearing in Sault Ste. Marie. The hearing is scheduled for 9:30 a.m. at the Walker Cisler Student & Conference Center on the campus of Lake Superior State University, 650 W. Easterday Ave.

For more information concerning the committee hearings, contact Allen’s office toll-free at 1-866-525-5637.

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